

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 8-9, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 8, line 4 to page 9, line 3, replace the paragraph with:

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In order to achieve the second object, a bandwidth monitoring device according to the present invention comprises flow detecting means for detecting a flow of a series of packets based on at least one of its address information, use identification information and network priority information identifying the priority of the packet in the network, and for determining a flow identifier indicative of an identifier of each flow and a packet priority within the flow, a bandwidth check or monitoring table having one or a plurality of entries each comprising bandwidth check control information indicative of control information for bandwidth check and a plurality of the network priorities, bandwidth check table control means for reading out an entry corresponding to the flow identifier from the bandwidth check table, check result decision means for judging whether the input packets conform to or violate the contract bandwidth based on the packet priority, bandwidth check control information within the entry read out by the bandwidth check table control means, and a value of a timer for indicating the present time, and priority

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